knew not God. It is also to be noticed that among Savages there is as great a proportionate difference in education as among whites, a difference very perceptible in the purity of the language they use and in the pronunciation of words, and undoubtedly greater in their familiarity with legends, traditions, and matters of belief, owing to greater or less opportunity of learning from the old men, or their individual interest or memory. The young men of the present day, especially when corrupted by familiarity with the whites, are very deficient in this branch of the "humanities".

In this report I shall not attempt to dissect the tales in which their mythology is embodied but rather to present them so far as obtained, in as near their savage dress as possible. The foundation throughout all the tribes of the Selish race from the Rocky mountains to the coast, as well as, the Sahaptin and Chinook families, seems to be the same. What further range it may have I am unable to say. It may be thus stated: The world was originally inhabited by different beings some of whom are extinct, or converted into inanimate objects, others are represented by the existing brute creation, birds, animals &c. Many, if not all of these possessed supernatural powers, which were variously employed, for good or ill according to their dispositions. One of these, who no way appears to have differed from the rest except in his vocation, gave to the world its present form, fitting it for the habitation of man.